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2D HOWITZER BATTALION

17TH ARTILLERY

APC San Francisco 96490

6 Lessons Learned

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31 October 1966

SUBJECT: Operational Report for [REDACTED] Period Ending 31 October 1966.
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Section I. Significant Unit Activities

1. PERSONNEL.

a. Maintenance of Unit Strengths.

(1) Of approximately 150 enlisted persons with a DEROS of August 1966, 23 key individuals had to be involuntarily extended for 30 days pending arrival of replacements. Because these replacements failed to materialize and further extensions were not authorized, this organization was faced with a critical shortage of First Sergeants, motor maintenance and food service personnel. During the period subsequent to 16 September, when individuals could no longer be extended Division Artillery guidelines for maintenance of strength percentages had to be adjusted downward.

(2) The lack of enlisted replacements during the first 2½ months of the reporting period had become a problem detrimental to the mission accomplishment capability of the battalion. Since 17 October, however, 70 replacements have been received from the 90th Replacement Battalion.

(3) Specific causes for lack of replacements have been identified as:

(a) Requisitions submitted to Department of the Army through the 1st Cavalry Division continue being only partially filled.

(b) On 3 October 1966, the Adjutant General, 1st Cav Div, informed this battalion that unprogrammed replacements would not be furnished from division resources, because the battalion is attached and not organic to the division. Because of this division policy, emergency requisitions

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for personnel losses created by transfer, hospitalization and death are not being filled or acted upon by the division. Any such losses are being sustained by this battalion remain unfilled pending submission of a normal requisition with its inherent delays.

(c) Diversions of individuals with direct assignment orders to this battalion have occurred both at the 90th Replacement Battalion, APO 96307, and at the 15th Replacement Detachment, APO 96490.

1 Diversions that have been discovered to have occurred at the 15th Replacement Detachment are now being corrected by the AG of the 1st Cav Div by revoking the diversion order whenever a particular instance is brought to his attention. However, since diversion orders are rarely received at this battalion, an inordinate amount of time and effort is expended in order to determine an individual's status.

2 Diversions by the 90th Replacement Battalion remain uncorrected. In a recent case, only through the inadvertant receipt of mis-directed correspondence was it determined that a KENNETH W. POLAND was diverted from this battalion. As it later developed, his family, on the 3d of October, was still trying to inform him of the death of an immediate family member which had occurred on 16 August.

b. MORALE

(1) Morale continues to be high despite delayed personnel departures and frequent flight cancellations during August and September. Personnel engaged in combat operations are especially well motivated.

(2) During the reporting period, the battalion received and filled 108 out-of-country Rest and Recuperation quotas, and 33 in-country allocations (Inclosure 1).

(3) Awards and Decorations (Inclosure 2)

(a) During the reporting period, the following awards were approved:

Bronze Star Medal	5
Air Medal	3
Army Commendation Medal	7
Purple Heart	12
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	2
Combat Medical Badge	11

(b) Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining sufficient medals for presentation in awards ceremonies. Of special note is the unavailability of Bronze Star Medals, thus requiring personnel to depart this command without receiving adequate material recognition for their service and achievements.

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3. (4) During a 62 day period subsequent to 16 July 1966, the free issue of the Stars and Stripes was received only 30 times. After a command letter was written on this subject in mid-September, all but 2 issues since 16 September have arrived in a timely manner.

(5) This organization had received a movie projector from the Special Services Officer at Cam Ranh Bay on 26 September, an account having been established on 3 February. However, such essential ancillary equipment as a screen, film splicing kit and rewind mechanism have not been issued. A cinemascope lens was received several weeks after the projector was picked up.

c. Personnel Management

(1) It has been customary for Class A Agents to travel to Qui Nhon to pick up funds and payrolls from the 13th Finance Office. Beginning 30 October, the Finance Officer brings the monthly payment to An Khe for delivery to Class A Agents. This materially reduces travel by agent officers and facilitates payment of personnel.

(2) During the reporting period, participation in the Savings Bond program increased from a low of 72% to a high of 99%. A request for the Minute-man Flag for the battalion and for lesser awards for the individual batteries was submitted on 25 September 1966.

d. Discipline, Law and Order. Normal Activities.

2. OPERATIONS

a. From 1 August through 31 October, firing batteries of this battalion spent a total of 146 days and the battalion command element 11 days out of Camp Radcliff participating in tactical operations. The following operations were supported:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
PAUL REVERE II	1 Aug - 28 Aug 1966
THAYER I	20 Sep - 26 Sep 66
THAYER (IRVING)	2 Oct - 26 Oct 1966
THAYER II	24 Oct - Present

b. In addition to participating in the operations listed above, this battalion continued to furnish one forward observer party to D Troop, 1st Bn, 9th Cav, and continued to furnish a platoon of two howitzers with two supervisory NCO's to the Special Forces Camp at VINH THANH VALLEY.

c. The battalion continued to meet requirements for the defense of CAMP RADCLIFF and security of Highway 19. Aerial observers were furnished at the request of Division Artillery to meet requirements both around the base camp and in the THAYER AO.

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d. A summary of dates and task force organizations is attached as Inclosure 3. Combat Operations After Action Reports are attached as Inclosures 4 through 10.

e. A summary of Ammunition Expenditure is attached as Inclosure 11. Battery B fired the battalion's 150,000th round in Vietnam on 29 September 1966.

f. Tactical Moves. All surface moves were made by organic transportation. During the reporting period there were 8 battery moves by CH-47 helicopter. One 5 ton truck on the way back from an ammunition resupply run to the two howitzers at the Special Forces Camp in VINH THANH VALLEY, was damaged beyond repair when it struck a mine made from a US 105mm howitzer shell. No one was injured by the blast. This battalion supplied trucks and drivers to move a battery of 1/77th Arty to CAMP RADCLIFF from Operation THAYER and to move a battery of the 1/21st Arty to CAMP RADCLIFF from positions on Highway 19.

3. TRAINING

A. Officers' classes were held on the new Fire Request, described in DA Training Circular 6-1, and on Communications and Fire Direction subjects. Other areas covered included maintenance and military justice.

b. Training emphasis remained on orientation of incoming personnel and included air movement, physical fitness, rules of engagement, and weapons familiarization and safety. Beginning 1 October, the battalion was able to send new arrivals to the newly formed Division Replacement Training Center. This two to three day orientation training has proved to be a great help in getting incoming personnel ready for combat duty as rapidly as possible. The scope and quality of training in certain specialized areas are better than that available at battalion level.

4. LOGISTICS

a. The battalion was issued individual clothing, air mattresses, sleeping bags, and jungle boots. Approximately eighty percent of all personnel now have two pairs of jungle boots.

b. Steel cots have been received for each man in the battalion. The cotton mattresses are now presently available; however, air mattresses will suffice temporarily when a pad is used for the protection.

c. With command emphasis on malaria prevention sufficient quantities of insect repellent and insecticides are being used. There are sufficient quantities in the system to insure that each soldier has these items.

d. Each battery will be issued one 10 KW generator as soon as possible. This, and the issue of 1.5 KW generators, will satisfy the battalion's tactical and administrative power requirements. Two 65 cu ft refrigerators which have been received place an additional requirement on the power supply.

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e. The shortage of serviceable tentage remains a problem. Twenty-three of the forty tents on hand are condemned for salvage, but must remain in place to provide shelter. Only one general purpose medium tent was issued during the reporting period.

f. One truck 2½ ton was received. The following major items are still short

1. 5 ea Truck 2½ ton.
2. 2 ea Truck 5 ton.
3. 1 ea Truck 3/4 ton.
4. 2 ea Truck ½ ton.
5. 2 ea Tank, POL 600 gallon.
6. 4 ea Trailers, Water, salvaged but retained until replacements are available.

g. All reports of survey have been approved with the exception of two recently submitted.

h. There has been an improvement in the receipt of repair parts; however, excessive time is required for "C" priority requisitions. Some repair parts placed on "C" requisitions on 7 May 1966 were received on 10 October 1966.

i. This battalion received an assistance Material Readiness Inspection on 25 September 1966. The USARV INSPECTION TEAM complimented this unit on its state of readiness and stated this unit was the best it had inspected throughout Vietnam.

j. Expendables and pioneer tool replacements continue to be a problem, although some items are becoming available through the Self Service Supply Center.

k. Base Development. Three 20 X 80 troop billets and two latrine-shower units have been completed during the reporting period. Work continues on the building of troop billets under the "self help" program.

5. MEDICAL - Summary for the quarter.

- a. Sick Call Patients - 388
- b. Deaths - 0
- c. Wounded - 5

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d. Injured and Sick Evacuated - 22

e. Immunizations - 1081

6. CIVIC ACTION

a. This battalion continued to assist the CHIEU HOI refugees who will move into the New Life Hamlet KIM DONG by holding sick call at the refugee center at least once a week.

b. Enlisted supervisors, vehicles, water, and first aid support were provided to the indigenous workers building the perimeter fence until 18 August. After the indigenous worker pay stopped, the villagers stopped working on the KIM DONG Site, but the outer fence has been completed and the interior area partially cleared for farming.

c. Two large boxes of clothing and toys were distributed to the refugees through the village chief. These items were sent from the battalion's sister unit in Germany, the 3d Bn, 17th Arty.

d. A meeting in September with the District Chief and Sub-Sector Advisor established new goals and plans for the immediate future. A popular forces platoon was put into the village site, living in tents supplied through this battalion, to provide labor to erect pre-fabricated houses. The lines for streets and home sites were surveyed and staked in by the survey team of this battalion.

e. Assistance in English languages instruction to high school students of the MAI THUONG School was started in August and continued during the quarter by three members of this battalion.

Section II. Lessons Learned and Recommendations

1. Lessons Learned - Operations

a. Item - Coordination of US artillery and TAC AIR support with ARVN ground forces.

Discussion - Reference paragraph 15a, Inclosure 4. The location of US artillery command element and US ALO in the immediate vicinity of the ARVN and US advisor headquarters allows maximum coordination and personal contact among fire support coordination agencies. Direct exchange of map overlay information, clearances of fires and other tactical information were expedited.

Observation: When US artillery supports ARVN ground operations, the artillery headquarters and the ARVN FSCC should be collocated for responsive coordination.

b. Item - Illumination rounds in direct fire role.

Discussion - Reference Inclosure 4, C Btry After Action Report,

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Paragraph 14, illumination rounds were fired for practice defense of battery positions by direct fire into an area in which illumination was desired. The rounds were fired with a time setting to eject the flare before impact. The flare burning on the ground illuminated a small suspect location well enough for HE direct fire to be fired into it, without lighting up the firing battery position.

Observation - Illumination rounds can be fired at high charges in direct fire to burn on the ground to illuminate areas fairly close to firing battery positions without also illuminating the battery position.

2. Recommendations.

a. Operations

(1) That several frequencies in even one-tenth megacycles be made available to artillery supporting ARVN units with the old type FM radios. (Reference paragraph 15g, Inclosure 4.)

(2) That an H-13 be made available to the artillery Liaison Officer with ARVN troops for use 1-3 hours daily. (Reference paragraph 14a, Inclosure 9).

(3) That the same US artillery units, FO parties and LNO teams be used with a given ARVN unit, whenever possible, as is done in the support of US infantry units by DA battalions (Reference paragraph 16d, Inclosure 9)

b. Personnel

(1) That individuals with direct assignment orders no longer be diverted. When such action is deemed necessary, that 5 copies of diversion orders be provided the original unit of assignment in order to support a loss entry on the morning report and to facilitate movement of mail. (Ref para 1a, Section I., this report).

(2) That this battalion be advised of the procedures it should follow to obtain unprogrammed replacements on a timely basis now that the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) is not longer providing this service. (Reference paragraph 1a(3), Section I, this report, GO 1056, Hq USARV, dtd 16 Oct 65 and paragraph 4, GO 52, Hq 1st Cav Div, dtd Oct 65.)

(3) That sufficient medals be provided with approved awards. (Reference paragraph 1b(3), Sec I, this report).

c. Logistics

(1) That, since several major items listed in paragraph 4f, Sec I, this report, have been on requisition for from four to six months, replacement of nonrepairable vehicles and other major items of equipment be expedited.


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(2) That consideration be given to replacing the 3.5 rocket launchers with M79 grenade launchers on a one for one basis in artillery units located in Vietnam. (Reference paragraph 10g, Inclosure 7, and paragraph 15e, Inclosure 10.)


NORMAN P. CHANDLER
LTC, ARTILLERY
COMMANDING

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1. R&R Quotes (Deleted)
2. Awards and Decorations (Deleted)
3. Task Organizations
4. After Action Report - PAUL REVERE II (Deleted)
5. After Action Report - MORTAR ATTACK (Deleted)
6. After Action Report - BENNING V (A Btry) (Deleted)
7. After Action Report - BENNING V (B Btry) (Deleted)
8. After Action Report - THAYER I (deleted)
9. After Action Report - THAYER (IRVING) (ARVN Support) (Deleted)
10. After Action Report - THAYER (IRVING) (B Btry) (Deleted)
11. Record of Ammunition Expenditures

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SUMMARY OF TASK ORGANIZATION FOR AUGUST 1966

UNIT

DATES AND TASK ORGANIZATION

2/17 Arty (-)

1 August - 18 August
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19 Arty
OPLAN BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF

19 August - 28 August
Support
ARVN Airborne Division
PAUL REVERE II
OASIS

29 August - 31 August
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19 Arty
OPLAN BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF

8/2/77 Arty

1 August - 18 August
Parent Unit Control
OPLAN BENNING
HIGHWAY 19

19 August - 28 August
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19 Arty
OPLAN BENNING
HIGHWAY 19

29 August - 31 August
Parent Unit Control
OPLAN BENNING
HIGHWAY 19

8/2/77 Arty

1 August - 18 August
Parent Unit Control
OPLAN BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF

19 August - 28 August
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19 Arty
OPLAN BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF

29 August - 31 August
Parent Unit Control
OPLAN BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF

8/2/77 Arty

1 August - 20 August
Attached to 1/21 Arty
PAUL REVERE II
WESTERN PLATEAU PROVINCE

21 August - 28 August
Parent Unit Control
PAUL REVERE II
OASIS

29 August - 31 August
Parent Unit Control

1 August - 31 August *
1 Plt Attached to
CIDG Camp
VINH THANH VALLEY

* This platoon consists of 2 105mm M101A1 howitzers and 2 to 3 NCO advisors. The two howitzers were hand receipted from the 1/77 Arty thereby leaving C Btry with their authorized complement of 6 howitzers.

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SUMMARY OF TASK ORGANIZATION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1966

UNIT

2/17 Arty (-)

DATES AND TASK ORGANIZATION

1 September - 11 September
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19th Arty
Operation BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF and Hwy 19

11 September - 30 September
General Support
Reinforcing 1/21st Arty
Operation BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF and Hwy 19

30 September
General Support
Reinforcing 1/77th Arty
OPERATION BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF and Hwy 19

2/2/17 Arty

1 September - 5 September
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19th Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

5 September - 6 September
General Support
Reinforcing 1/21st Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

*8 September - 11 September
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19 Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

11 September - 16 September
General Support
Reinforcing 1/21st Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

16 September - 30 September
Parent Unit Control
CAMP RADCLIFF

2/2/17 Arty

1 September - 5 September
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19th Arty
Operation BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF

5 September - 8 September
General Support
Reinforcing 1/21st Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

8 September - 11 September
General Support
Reinforcing 2/19th Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

11 September - 30 September
General Support
Reinforcing 1/21st Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

30 September
General Support
Reinforcing 1/77th Arty
Operation BENNING
Hwy 19

2/2/17 Arty

1 September - 30 September
Parent Unit Control
CAMP RADCLIFF

30 September
Attached 1/21st Arty
Operation THAYER (TRVING)
Via PHU CAT

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1 September - 30 September
1 Plt Attached to
CIDG CAMP
VINH THANH VALLEY

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SUMMARY OF TASK ORGANIZATION FOR OCTOBER 1966

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TASKS AND TASK ORGANIZATION

2/17 Arty (-)

1 October - 11 October
General Support
Reinforcing 1/77th Arty
Operation BENNING
CAMP RADCLIFF & Hwy 19

11 October - 31 October
General Support
Reinforcing 1/77th Arty
OPERATION DAZZLE
CAMP RADCLIFF

4/21 Arty

1 October - 22 October
Parent Unit Control
CAMP RADCLIFF

22 October - 31 October
Attached to 1/21st Arty
Operation THAYER (IRVING)
Vicinity of PHU CAT

8/21 Arty

1 October - 11 October
General Support
Reinforcing 1/77th Arty
Operation BENNING
Highway 19

11 October - 31 October
General Support
Reinforcing 1/77th Arty
Operation DAZZLE
CAMP RADCLIFF

C/21 Arty

1 October - 31 October
Attached to 1/21st Arty
Operation THAYER (IRVING)
Vicinity of PHU CAT

1 October - 31 October
1 Plt Attached to
CIDG Camp
VINH THANH VALLEY

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RECORD OF AMMO EXPENDED

PERIOD 1 - 31 AUG 66

FIRE UNIT	SHELL					FUZE			
	HB	WP	ILL	SMK	TOTAL	FDQ	FDD	TI	CVT
A	5140	203	144	87	5574	5130	0	9	1
B	6451	25	41	48	6565	6450	0	1	0
C	7242	150	68	102	7562	7242	0	0	0
ATCH	2663	30	9	9	2711	2652	0	0	11
TOTALS	21496	408	262	246	22412	21496	0	10	12

AFTER ACTION REPORT (MSNS/AMMO)

FIRE UNIT	W/A	H&I	DEF CONC	REP	FFE	REG	ILL	OTHER
A	50 595	772 3570	24 167	2 610	5 388	11 143	12 133	
B	10 77	1180 5897	16 116	5 227	3 77	11 130	4 41	
C	38 187	1118 5493	14 50	9 890	58 777	9 114	2 29	
ATCH	16 101	501 2109	0 0	13 39	2 242	1 11	5 9	
TOTALS	114 960	3571 17069	54 323	29 1956	15 1484	32 398	22 212	

SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY

REMARKS & OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

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RECORD OF AMMO EXPENDED
PERIOD 1-30 Sept 66 OPERATION Rolling

FIRE UNIT	SHELL					FUSE			
	HE	WP	ILL	SMK	TOTAL	PDQ	FDD	TI	CVT
A	4230	117	245	88	4686	4201		9	26
B	3436	311	154	43	3944	3428			8
C	4262	39	82	45	4428	4248		14	
ATCH	1696	34	5	4	1739	1683		13	

**AFTER ACTION REPORT
(ISSNS/AM:O)**

FIRE UNIT	W/A	EAI	DLF CO. C	FRMP	FFE	REG	ILL	OTHER
A	51 339	1030 3773	20 147	2 136	5 31	5 60	14 200	
B	14 260	643 1949	14 154	2 484	13 957	6 63	22 77	
C	9 25	962 3587	17 61	0 0	14 618	7 76	12 59	?
ATCH	3 3	587 1603	17 29	1 13	0 0	2 27	4 4	

SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY

REMARKS & OPERATIO HIGHLIGHTS

30 Sept 66 "B" fired 150,000 th round in Vietnam

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15. PERIOD 1 - 28 Oct. RECORD OF AMMO EXPENDED

FIRE UNIT	SHELL				TOTAL	FUSE			
	HE	W	ILL	SMK		PDQ	PDD	TI	CVT
A	4231	622	7	46	4906	4205		26	
B	2838	127		34	2999	2838			
C	3554	656	68	186	4464	3554			
ATCH	1470	53	4	3	1530	1470			
TOTALS	12093	1458	79	269	13899				

AFTER ACTION REPORT
(MSNS/ALMO)

FIRE UNIT	W/A	H&I	D.F CONC	PREP	FPL	REG	ILL	OTHER
A	4 124	1383 3648	19 94	2 153	58 734	16 146	3 7	
B	17 283	889 2539	3 15	1 24	4 23	10 115	0 0	
C	20 104	1158 3103	63 240	52 594	25 200	10 155	16 66	
ATCH	2 13	387 1119	11 92	3 187	6 103	12	2 4	
TOTALS	43 524	10409	441	989	1060	428	79	

SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY

REMARKS & OPERATION HIGHLIGHTS

1030 - 11 Oct 66 "B" moved to base camp location GSR 1/17 Arty

0745 - 22 Oct 66 "A" departed base camp for Hammor attached 1/21 Arty
closed at 1230 hrs. by land convoy

31 Oct 66 "B" moved to Hwy 19 GSR 2/19 Arty

"C" moved to base location by land convoy

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AVDAR-T (31 Oct 66) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966
(Reports Control Symbol CS For-65)

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION ARTILLERY, APO 96490, 14 November 1966

TO: Commanding General, 1st Air Cavalry Division, APO 96490

1. This report is a complete and comprehensive evaluation of the activities of the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery during the reporting period.

2. Specific comments concerning recommendations follows:

a. Operations.

(1) Frequencies in even one-tenth megacycles were made available to the extent possible. This requirement will be considered in future combined operations.

(2) An H-13 and frequently an HU1B helicopter were available on a daily basis for use by the Liaison Officer.

(3) Use of the same INC parties and FC parties by a given ARVN unit will be followed whenever possible.

b. Personnel.

(1) The approval and implementation of the recommendation in Section II, paragraph 2b (1), is essential to good personnel management as well as individual morale considerations.

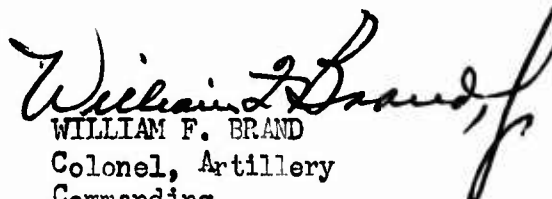
(2) In as much as the problem contained in Section II, paragraph 2b (2) hinges upon the precise relationship of the 17th Artillery and the 1st Cavalry Division, recommend that immediate action be initiated to obtain copies of GO 1056, dated 16 October 1965 from Headquarters, USARV.

(3) It is understood that the problem contained in Section II, paragraph 2b (3) was division wide, but that the situation has improved.

c. Logistics.

(1) The conditions indicated in Section II, paragraph 2c (1) applies to only one requisition and was caused by the unit using a low priority on the request. Supply action has been taken to correct the error and expedite replacements. All other requests are less than 45 days old.

(2) Replacing the 3.5 rocket launchers with M79 grenade launchers would eliminate much of the units anti-armor capability, but may well be feasible in the Vietnam environment.


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Colonel, Artillery
Commanding

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AVDAOT (31 Oct 66)

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SUBJECT Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966
(Reports Central Symbol CS For-65)

Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), APO 96490 29 DEC 1966

TO: Commanding General, I Field Force, Vietnam ATTN: AVFA-GC-OIT
APO 96350

1. The attached report accurately reflects the activities of the 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery, during the period 1 August through 31 October 1966.

2. Specific comments concerning recommendations follow:

a. Personnel.

(1) This headquarters monitors direct assignment orders closely to insure diversions do not occur. In those cases where diversions were inadvertently made reassignments were accomplished without delay.

(2) This headquarters ceased providing unprogrammed replacements for a short period pending determination of the requirements imposed by the attachment. Efforts to locate a copy of the General Order directing the attachment of 2d Bn 17th Arty to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) have not met with success. Neither the unit, this headquarters nor I FFORCEV can locate a copy of the General Order or define the requirements dictated in the attachment. A request to CG USARV has been made for this information. In the interim the provisions of Msg, HQ USARV, UNCLAS AVHBA-PE 5209 DTG 261152Z Oct 66 which states in part "Maintenance of strength of attached units is the responsibility of major command to which attached units, will be adhered to by this headquarters.

(3) A shortage of certain medals and certificates has been experienced by this headquarters for some time. Every effort is exerted to insure an equitable distribution of those medals received.

b. Logistics.

(1) Reference para 2c (1): Immediate requirements for trucks 2 1/2 ton, 3/4 ton, and 1/2 ton have been reported to Headquarters, USARV and 1st Logistical Command on the weekly Periodic Logistics Report (PIR) since August 1966. Trucks, 5 ton were added to the PIR in November 1966. Unit has one 600 gallon POL tank and one 400 gallon water trailer on valid requisitions dated 17 June 1966 and 19 March 1966 respectively. Latest follow-up on these requisitions was 17 November 1966. The reporting unit has been advised of the status of their equipment requisitions.

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(2) Replacement of 3.5 rocket launchers with M79 grenade launchers would require change to TO&E initiated by the unit through G3. The reporting unit has been advised that a separate action must be initiated to obtain authorization to modify their TO&E.

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Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam, APO US Forces 96350 10 JAN 1967

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, APO US Forces 96307

This headquarters concurs with the 2d Battalion, 17th Artillery Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1966. The following comments are submitted:

a. Reference, Section II (Lessons Learned and Recommendations):

(1) Aviation support of non-divisional artillery units is a continual problem. Separate correspondence is being developed on this subject.

(2) Rocket Launcher, 3.5-inch, has little or no application to artillery units assigned to RVN. Recommend that authorization be obtained for turn-in of these weapons.

b. Reference, Inclosure 4 (Combat Operations After Action Report-PAUL REVERE II): Upon request for a specific period and geographical area, Headquarters, I FFORCEV Artillery can provide spare FM radio frequencies to augment those assigned to a unit. Additionally, coordination with supported ARVN units could possibly result in use of frequencies assigned to ARVN.

c. Reference, Inclosure 6 (Combat After Action Report-BENNING V (A Btry)):

(1) Headquarters, I FFORCEV Artillery policy is that artillery batteries on isolated missions should be provided with a minimum security force equivalent in size and capabilities to a rifle platoon.

(2) Non-divisional technical service units are required to provide maintenance and logistical support on an area basis. Prior coordination must, however, be accomplished to assure complete and responsive support.

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31 October 1966 (RCS CSFOR-65)****HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 9630729 JAN 1967****TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOF-OT
APO 96558**

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1966 from Headquarters, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments are as follows:

a. Reference Paragraph 2a(2), 2d Indorsement and Paragraph 2b(2), 1st Indorsement: General Order Number 57, 5 January 1967, which supersedes General Order Number 1056, Headquarters, USARV, 16 October 1965, detaches the 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery from I Field Force Vietnam and assigns the unit to I Field Force Vietnam. Ten copies of General Order Number 57 were furnished to both I Field Force Vietnam and the 2d Howitzer Battalion, 17th Artillery. This action should serve to correct the difficulty experienced.

b. Reference Paragraph a(2), 3d Indorsement: USARV Msg AVHGC-OT 41406 DTG 190331Z Dec 66 provides guidance to subordinate commands and units on turn-in of TOE equipment not considered mission essential.

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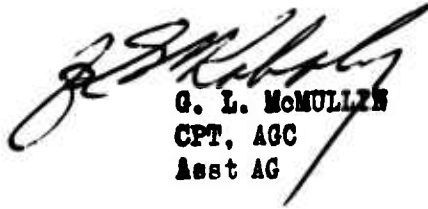
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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters concurs in the basic report as indorsed.

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